

Commission on Disability Issues

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OFFICIAL OPINION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

- RE: Support the Accessible Taxi Cab Ordinance

Whereas the community in general has become more accessible through building codes and the ADA. Miami-Dade County, because of its warm weather and flat terrain is particularly attractive to people with disabilities, including people who are elderly.

Whereas the hotel and restaurant industry, and the aviation and cruise industry through the ADA and the recognition of people with disabilities as valued customers have become more accessible to people with disabilities.

Whereas: Miami-Dade is an international travel destination as well as a hub of cruises to the Caribbean, Mexico and Central and South America.

Whereas accessible taxis are essential to get people with disabilities to accessible facilities, including the airport, seaport, hotels, restaurants, shopping, recreation areas and places of entertainment, on a call responsive basis.

Whereas accessible, demand response taxis would provide people with disabilities with a higher level of service and opportunities, including last minute trips and emergency services, not available through next day services on STS.

- Now, Therefore Be It Resolved: That CODI strongly recommends the passage of the proposed ordinance to establish accessible taxicab service.